

North Luzon bishops want GMA to stay

NORTHERN GROUP OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS, this time from Ilocos Norte, has backed the call made by some other bishops for President Macapagal-Arroyo to resign over the alleged bribery of politicians and government officials.

The northern bishops, after praying and discussing the problem before the alleged bribery began, Macapagal-Arroyo and some government officials is an issue that has to be primarily resolved in the sphere of congressional affairs, parties

and politics. Thus, we are not in a position to make judgments on the morality of the matter," the bishops said.

"Therefore, as members of the Clergy, it is not our principle to support the call for the President's resignation. However, as persons, it is our deep desire after the recent 25th of the month, President, we reiterate the idea that a thorough in-

vestigation should be done to settle for the truth or provide," the bishops said.

The statement came after 20 bishops from Ilocos Norte, led by Bishop Jesus de Dios Pineda, had expressed their opposition to the call of the bishops from Luzon for the President to resign after her administration had been accused of numerous other violations.

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It's back to Chem 101 for probers

By Jule M. Arevalo

boots and climbing the Internet to learn again high school and college chemistry in the wake of the explosion at the Alimeta 2 hall on Feb. 18.

At a meeting with Inquirer reporters and editors on Wednesday, Chief Judge Luis T. Tan, director of the Southern Police District and head of the Metro Agency Investigation Task Force looking into the blast, took pains to explain how mistakes might have been avoided.

Long be jobs? Well, that explanation should be good for a grade of 75.

Tan said information had been given during his police investigation because "people from different disciplines"—such as lawyers as well as arson, metal

logic and petrochemical engineers—were part of the task force.

Info overload

Director Teodoro Rostes, chief of the National Capital Region Police Office, said the police were looking at many things from the Glorietta 2 explosion, including chemistry, the law on criminal negligence, and how to handle investigations.

"In Chemistry 101 all over again, I think I have information overload," he said to the inquirer, adding that he had had to go online to do research on methane and other deadly gases.

Other job appears doubly hard because he has been asked police spokesperson on matters related to the explosion.

"I have to understand the law

matter, digest it, so it will be understandable to the public," he said.

But Rostes does not seem to mind the extra work. "I'm handling a lot of things. We have to be thorough and accurate in our investigation. It also helps us in giving things to our people and media friends."

Back to school

Some investigators are also going back to school, so to speak.

According to a police investigation, an American explosives expert recently examined a container on gas blasters for members of Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit in Alimeta.

Police officials said his was part of the cooperation being extended by foreign governments to the PH.

Israeli security expert says Glorietta 2 damage 'typical of a gas blast'

By Jule M. Arevalo

AN ISRAELI SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION expert described the damage at the Alimeta 2 GED basement as "typical of a gas blast."

Chief Neri of the private Israeli security firm Gadot Integrated Security Systems Ltd. described the damage to the basement floor and ceiling, as well as the direct tank, pointed to the possibility that the blast was caused by a gas explosion or a bomb.

Neri, whose group was in Manila in connection with an alleged investigation, said he was basing his observation on a visit to the GED basement on Tuesday.

He said he made the visit as an independent observer, and that he was not privy to the results of the lab test on the sample remains found at the site.

"From impression... it's more likely that

it was a gas explosion because of the type of damage," he said.

He said, however, that he did not share his observation with the police.

Neri described the GED basement as "all messed up."

"I think there was a hole of gas inside the basement... it is a closed volume, where dangerous gases mix together with oxygen, and then you have a spark, that can destroy a whole building... it is also possible that it can be more powerful than a bomb," Neri said.

He said that five days after the blast, he had yet to receive any trace of an explosion or components of a bomb from the site.

"I really can see that there is a gas explosion, a gas explosion, a gas explosion," he said.

Neri serves as a managing director at Gadot. He is a retired chief superintendent with more than 20 years of experience in security and surveillance management.

Legal landmark: High court issues 2 writs of amparo

By Jule M. Arevalo

defenses, and the action they will take," said Supreme Court spokesperson Jose Illa de Maricao.

The high tribunal also directed the Court of Appeals to hold hearings on the two petitions for a writ of amparo on Nov. 15 at 2 p.m.

In the case of Emprego, Calapan and Maricao, the petitioners' explanation should be filed on or before Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. In the Maricao brothers' case, the writ should be filed within five working days from the service of the writ.

The high court ordered the petition for a writ of amparo filed by Calapan and Emprego's mothers to be consolidated with their pending petition for a writ of habeas corpus with the Court of Appeals.

Swift decision ordered

The tribunal also said the case of the missing students should be decided 30 days after submission for decision.

The mothers of Calapan and Emprego had also sought a preliminary order to stop the respondents from harassing their daughters and Maricao, who were allegedly abducted in June last year.

The mothers also said that if the daughters were already dead, the military should be directed to reveal where the bodies were buried. Should the military deny custody, the mothers asked that some places, including military camps, be inspected.

The respondents should also be directed to release reports about the three missing persons, the mothers added.

In the case of the Alimeta brothers, the high court granted their earlier plea into a petition for a writ of amparo. The brothers in August had filed with the high court to stop the military from arresting them after their escape from a military detention and to place them under the magistrate's protective custody.

Independent inquiry asked

The Maricao brothers also requested that an independent commission be appointed to examine Emprego's movement about their ordeal, as well as to investigate the places where they had been detained, which reportedly include military camps.

A day after the filing of the brothers' petition to begin, the high court issued a temporary restraining order stopping the military from arresting them. Maricao said that the TRC remains effective until further notice.

Named respondents in the brothers' petition are the defense attorneys and the United Forces chief of staff.

Special on banc session

The Supreme Court justices met on video, but they held a special in banc session yesterday because of the urgency of the petition, Maricao said.

The writ of amparo was issued by the high court as a response to the problem of extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances. Leftist groups said more than 400 Filipinos have been victims of political killings. (The Inquirer report is 3B-1.)

The writ of amparo removes from official and other respondents the defense of denial, a problem that has resulted in the dismissal of habeas corpus cases for missing persons. The writ also demands due diligence and accountability from the respondents.

In issuing the writ of amparo, the Supreme Court directed its power under the 1987 Constitution to protect citizens from political assassination or rights.

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Joey 'delusional,' 'hallucinating'

think of any other reason why he should be saying these things," Ramos said.

De Vries said he talked to Ramos after meeting him at the Black Watch Club and Casino Club in Mandalay Bay last March, the same meeting where the President's husband allegedly told him to "back off" from the deal.

Amesbury denied doing such a thing. "I clearly recall that he was very nervous on seeing me to discuss his problems with CTE," after asking around, I could hear the my feeling of the stress was that the government would likely be doing a government, as government deal with a private sector involvement.

He happened to see the last quarter of the deal, and that was the last of it as far as I'm concerned," Ramos said. Also 2003 October 16

MA behind ...

DECEMBER 16, 2003, submitted an uncollected proposal to use the SWS project on a full-scale operation (LDC) in the area.

See accounts of proposal for a priority project on page 1 of the 101 last. See also on page 1.

Wack Wack encounter

De Vries said he called Ramos to explain his situation and told him that Commissioner for Economy Leandro Miranda was arranging a reconciliation meeting between him (De Vries) and Alaska in the Black Watch Club and Casino Club in Mandalay Bay.

"We (Ramos) told me to please call him immediately after that meeting as we could discuss what happened so that he may shed some light on it or even apologize," De Vries said.

He was referring to the meeting in which he was told by the President's husband to "back off" from the deal.

After the meeting, De Vries said he went to Ramos' office at the Martin Hotel where he met with the incident with Ramos.

De Vries said he was surprised by Ramos' reaction.

"Ricky Ramos then said, 'I, too, have my Alaska in you. I don't go into any other business except 27% infrastructure. I don't do infrastructure of other (Ramos) said only that he would get 5% million. Who could not deny that,' De Vries quoted Ramos as saying.

Payoff jacked up contract

De Vries said the alleged \$70 million payoff to the President's husband jacked up the 27% contract from \$100 million to \$120 million.

De Vries said Ramos "seemed angry" as he was supposed to see and the Vice-Governor in which Wack and he led him to see my surprise.

"We had hoped the reconciliation meeting would ease the problems of such pay-off but that didn't happen. Ramos got angry. He was hoping the whole issue of SWS and the Alaska group could be avoided. I did meet Ramos again two or three days after at the Martin Hotel Club. He said the group of Alaska and 27% will do the contract on their own. At least now I know at least I could pursue my SWS," De Vries said.

Speaker and President meet

At the hearing, De Vries also said that over the past few weeks, Ramos and other members of his group tried to talk him out of everything in the hearing and to patch up things between him and his father, Speaker Josefa de Vries.

"Prior to the first Senate hearing, I got multiple calls from Ricky Ramos the night before the first hearing. My father told me a few days ago, he was worried through the kindness of Jesus Christ to come with Emilio (Alaska). Alaska said the Palace wanted a conciliatory between them and the De Vrieses."

"My father asked 'What do you want?' Emilio said the first thing you have to do is 'reconcile' with me, Josefa Ramirez ... brother Congressman (Ramos) happen ... and say. My father refused to do that in exchange for these requests Ramos will stop attacking me and others who are involved in financing various parts of the 101-27% contract," said the younger De Vries.

The Speaker denied Alaska's request, saying that he had no control over Ramos who had his own where he ran for president in 1998. But the plea was from the opposition, and that his son had a mind of his own, according to the younger De Vries.

Screamed at:

The two-member district that started meeting and place the following day at a stock's home in the town of Village in Manila where the father claimed the President "screamed at him."

When the Speaker took his leave, the President allegedly called him and told him to say "No" to the Speaker's second look and no again but making conclusion was reached," said the younger De Vries.

Asked by Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile why he did not clear with Ramos his name in his affidavit or in his previous appearances at the Senate hearing, De Vries said he initially felt that when Ramos and their last deal with him was "severe."

But the incident working group of the three-district committee questioned him "What I have to say when all I know because this is also in aid of legislation."

Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano, chair of the blue-silk, last committee, said that the situation (De Vries) had committed himself to other people's testimony to become

"As a rule the more money you invest, the more it is in your pocket you are taking or to give you are willing the more. There are many, many ways," Cayetano said.



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RP lays welcome mat for Russian tourists

RUSSIA HAS BECOME the new focus of the country's tourism program as the government has been giving the privilege of entry to the country within the border of having to obtain a visa.

The Department of Tourism, Department of Foreign Affairs and Bureau of Immigration have announced the government's visa-free entry program would be implemented for Russian visitors beginning this month.

Private tourism

Tourism Secretary Amador del Rosario said the new policy would encourage more tourists to visit the country, particularly Russians.

"We expect the privilege will attract more Russian visitors to the Philippines," Rosario said, adding that the policy would also strengthen the country's travel trade industry and boost the revenues of hotel and tourism establishments.

Rosario said Russian tourists and businessmen may now stay in the country for a maximum of 21 days without a visa, provided they have valid tickets to their point of origin or point of next destination and their passports are valid by the end of the month.

Crucial market

He said a Russian tourist visiting in one to five days would spend an average of \$1,000 to \$1,500, a significant income for the country.

"The Russian market is a very crucial market to explore."

The new policy will greatly enhance the government's tourism program in the country, he said. "Russia and the Soviet Union are the most important markets to explore."

The DOT, with its partnership in October, will also explore a selling mission in the Russian market to explore business and tourism opportunities in the region.

Digital source

In last week's issue, Victorio M. Compa was quoted regarding the country's digital rights source. The source was a 150-page TLA file, available to Manila from the National Library, the source of the digital rights source in the Philippines.

The DOT has reported that from January to August 1987, tourist arrivals from Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) grew by 7.2 percent compared to the same period last year. They are currently the Philippines' seventh biggest source of tourists from the European region. Average C. 1987

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POLLUTION CASUALTY

Pollution and mining for metals kill thousands of people in the Philippines
 Thousands of people in the Philippines have died from pollution and mining for metals, according to a report by the Philippine Environmental Movement (PEM). The report, titled "Pollution and Mining: A Deadly Combination," states that the mining industry is the largest source of pollution in the Philippines, and that the government is failing to regulate the industry properly. The report also states that the mining industry is responsible for the deaths of thousands of people, including children, who have died from pollution and mining-related diseases.

Gov't, MILF panels break talks deadlock

GOVERNMENT AND MILF panels broke a deadlock in talks to end the conflict in Mindanao, but the government said it would not return to the negotiating table until the MILF agrees to a ceasefire.
 The government and the MILF (Moro Islamic Liberation Front) have been in talks for several months, but the talks have been deadlocked. The government has offered a ceasefire, but the MILF has refused to agree to it. The government has also offered to return the MILF to the negotiating table, but the MILF has refused to do so. The government has said that it will not return to the negotiating table until the MILF agrees to a ceasefire. The MILF has said that it will not agree to a ceasefire until the government agrees to return it to the negotiating table. The talks have been a source of frustration for both sides, and the conflict in Mindanao continues to simmer.

People power launched vs mayors' quarry law

By Sonora Dela Cruz
 People Power Group

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—FOUR CIVIL SOCIETY groups in Pangasinana have started using the local initiative, a process that recognizes the role of the electorate in formulating, in a bid to repeal an ordinance that changes the way in how the province's million-ton peso quarry industry is managed.

The Pangasinana Municipal Council (PAMC), 2004, in the City of San Fernando, Pangasinana, has passed a resolution to support the local initiative. The resolution states that the local initiative is a process that recognizes the role of the electorate in formulating, in a bid to repeal an ordinance that changes the way in how the province's million-ton peso quarry industry is managed.

This was the first time that the local initiative, a legal recourse available under the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act 7160), would be used in the province.

First use

In 2004, 1,000 signatures of registered voters are needed to file the petition with the provincial board. In the province, the local initiative is a process that recognizes the role of the electorate in formulating, in a bid to repeal an ordinance that changes the way in how the province's million-ton peso quarry industry is managed.

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of Soc. Edna Padilla on October 10, 1991, then abolished the PAMC ordinance for an emergency ordinance of the province. The ordinance was passed by the provincial board, and it was the first time that the local initiative, a legal recourse available under the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act 7160), would be used in the province.

Steering scheme

Under the new ordinance, the law will be amended to a 30, 30, 30 system, meaning that the province, the province board, and the province board will each have a 30 percent share in the management of the quarry industry.

In previous years, quarry operations were managed by the province board, and the province board was responsible for the management of the quarry industry. The new ordinance will change this, and the province board will be responsible for the management of the quarry industry.

The new ordinance will also change the way in how the quarry industry is managed. The new ordinance will require the province board to have a 30 percent share in the management of the quarry industry, and the province board will be responsible for the management of the quarry industry.

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Padilla said he would like to see the industry become a more regulated industry, and he would like to see the industry become a more regulated industry. He said that he would like to see the industry become a more regulated industry, and he would like to see the industry become a more regulated industry.

Veto requires

According to him, the abolition of the ordinance is a move that the province's office without authority to check on legislators.

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Ate Vi admits 'jueteng' persists in Batangas

MANILA CITY—SIX MONTHS after she took over leadership of the province from her husband, Ate Vi admitted that she was still running the operations of the illegal gambling game, jueteng, in the province.

"Yes, there's still jueteng in Batangas. This is what I've admitted to when I took over the province," she said. "I've admitted to it when I took over the province, and I've admitted to it when I took over the province."

The admission came just days after she was elected as the province's governor. She said that she was still running the operations of the illegal gambling game, jueteng, in the province.

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ment by her political opponent, he said.

Asked to comment about reports that she had allowed the reopening of jueteng in the province, she said, "I've admitted to it when I took over the province, and I've admitted to it when I took over the province."

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Fall of Burma junta seen bringing chaos

By Denis D. Gray

BANGKOK, THAILAND—UNDER THE MOST OPTIMISTIC scenario, a "people power" uprising topples the long-ruled generals who have ruled Burma (Myanmar) for a half century. Democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi is freed from years of house arrest and announces general elections.

The world cheers. But some such events in the past—end many say the junta is not so unstable on day—Burma's long and harsh might simply give way to chaos, after a decade-long night of relief from

a long suffering population, some on parts follows a "highway scenario": constant ethnic insurgencies, gruelled institutions, distrust among leaders, with no experience in democracy and continuing setbacks from the junc-

ture's national economic policies in one of the world's poorest nations.

"The transition to civilian rule is bound to be extremely difficult, given the fact that the country has not had a truly civilian government since 1948," says David Leites, one of several Burma experts who believe the success of the military would have to be retained to guide the country through such turbulent times.

Calls for democracy

Following the junta's crackdown on protesters, many in the international

community—including the United States—have renewed calls for democracy in Burma, also known as Myanmar.

However, the country's place neighbor and rival India, China, has increased military and political intervention, while gradual transition, more sudden regime change, a view shared by some of Burma's Buddhist ethnic neighbors.

Strongly patronizing the military is a threat, would have the consequences. There are too few qualified civilians left to run the country, and disbanding the army might trigger



A MYE THAW looks out from his cell after years of a military outside Bangkok.

army, much as it did after Iraq's forces were sent home after the fall of Saddam Hussein.

"You're dead, over the past 40 years, the army slowly became really not just a dominant force in the country but practically the only state institution, even at the local level," says Stuart Myint, author of a recent book on his homeland, "The Flow of Last Moments."

Buddhist monks

Buddhist monks, numbering some half a million, took the leading role in recent protests and remain a highly revered and politically effective force for change, but cannot be their own people's step from power in the country.

Not only does the 400,000-strong army wield the guns, among them is a rebel force, citizenry as it did in recent weeks—but a two-tier over all major business enterprise and all but the nation's state of government.

A state within a state as well as a private, legal class, the military provides its own health care, housing and jobs, while the public copes with a shattered infrastructure in isolation.

"Rebuilding these structures at the same time as raising the army out of its overall government role is an almost impossible task. We have to get to think of another situation in which that has happened peacefully," said Stuart Myint, a former United Nations official.

Democracy may not find fertile soil in Burma, which has passed through a five-decade period of colonial rule and 40 years of military dictatorship, with a revolution, 14-year experiment in democracy cancelled in between.

The last generation that participated in the structure is rapidly passing. Populist crackpotism have dominated the ranks of younger professional activists, and many others are pursuing new lives abroad.

Suu Kyi's tented

Although largely popular inside Burma and internationally, the 61-year-old Suu Kyi remains viewed as a political leader rather than a leader in local government. In 1990, she had spent most of her life abroad, despite being the daughter of Burma's married founding father, Gen. Aung San. The United Peace Prize laureate has spent 12 of the last 18 years under house arrest.

"She's probably the only person who could control patience and moderation and be able to bring a large part of the population with her," said Stuart Myint. "She will be important for the transition, but beyond that it's impossible to know how well she would be able to cope with the challenges of day-to-day government."

Many among the educated in Burma fear these are bound to be lies—there the constitutional politics that started the country's transition with democracy is a dream of human rights in the wake of what others consider one of the military's worst offenses: a "war of extermination."

Generations, regarded as holders of Burma, were then destroyed nearly 50 percent of the 12 years following the 1988 uprising in camp schools, textbooks, if they exist at all, must be shared, literary culture are all but empty and science is taught without reference to teachers or instruction books.

"Maybe this is when the military really started, the elimination of its educated population. Whether it was or not, that is what has occurred," said David Myint, a retired academic from Rutgers University who has studied Burma for more than half a century.

And it is conceivable whether members of the large educated Burmese elite minority would return to the country should the junta fall—or how well they could manage and rebuild it, says Stuart Myint. It is in this regard that he has lived abroad since leaving the country as a young boy.

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RP 5 bounces back; Toyota wins



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 Critics of the Philippine RP team say they were surprised by their win in the game against the United States. Critics of the United States team say they were surprised by their win in the game against the Philippines.

By Marc Anthony Reyes

TEAM SANKOOR PHILIPPINES BOUNCED BACK AND COULD BELIEVE against the United States, 86-84, yesterday for the first time in a game since the 2006 FIBA World Cup in Japan.

After a 20-point lead in the first half, the Philippines bounced back to win the game with a 10-0 run in the second half. The Philippines' victory was a surprise to many, as they were considered underdogs. The game was a close contest, with the Philippines leading 51-45 at the half. In the second half, the Philippines' defense was solid, and they scored 20 points in the final quarter. The United States' offense was less effective, and they were unable to keep up with the Philippines' comeback.

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selected players of his players like RJ Nolasco and Chris Jones to pull off the win. "It's good for these players and good for their team."

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Pagunsan just 1 off with a 66

MANILA—JOE PAGUNSAN CLIMBED down eight holes in his second round in the Asian Tour 2008/2009. The 32-year-old Pagunsan finished the tournament with a total score of 133, one shot off the lead. Pagunsan's performance was impressive, as he was considered an underdog. The tournament was a close contest, with Pagunsan leading 1-0 at the halfway point. In the second half, Pagunsan's defense was solid, and he scored 20 points in the final quarter. The United States' offense was less effective, and they were unable to keep up with Pagunsan's comeback.

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while working on his last screenplay for me, saying, "I made pitches where I wanted to create films. The

game to get comfortable with the breaking ball and that made him really effective," Francisco said. **A-1**



National Junior champion Mark Wren, shown also stayed on the right side of the show with a pair of 8.7 wms against Jay Jay Escobar and Marcellino Medina. *Winston Burroughs, Green Glades*

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Imports rose 3.8% from Jan. to Aug.

NSO says bill for the period stands at \$35.3B

By Michelle N. Rana

THE COUNTRY'S IMPORTS ROSE 3.8 PERCENT TO \$4.87 billion in August from a year ago, slowing down from the double-digit growth posted the previous month.

This is despite rising imports for the first eight months of the year to \$35.32 billion, up 0.8 percent from that of the same period last year, the National Statistics Office (NSO) reported.

With imports totaling \$32.43 billion from January to August, the

country's balance of trade (BOT) stood at a deficit of \$2.6 billion during the eight-month period.

The BOT is the difference between the dollar resources earned from exports and the amount of spending for imports. A deficit means a country requires

more dollar resources than what it is generating in sales.

In the case of the Philippines, an increase in import demand indicates a rise in requests for the country's dollar because a large portion of imports are raw materials and intermediate goods used in the production of export products.

Electronic imports in August amounted to \$2.1 billion, rising by 4 percentage points over June. These are components of a large proportion of the country's imported goods.

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Chowking goes places

Food firm expands to UAE, Indonesia, US

Text and Photos by Tina Arceva-Quintan

JAKARTA—AFTER 375 branches, Chowking is leading the Philippines' fast-food chain craze in comfort.

Now as the country's leading quick-service Chinese food chain continues to expand its local network by around 30 stores per year, it looks as early as 2010 that it may

quickly reaching saturation point.

This famed Chowking's look outside the Philippines' borders to secure international growth, and it found new homes in Indonesia, the United Arab Emirates and the United States.

Today Chowking has five branches in Indonesia and seven in the United Arab Emirates—first in Dubai and now next to Doha, Qatar and the capital Abu Dhabi.

Chowking also has 12 outlets in the UAE of them—11 in California and one in Las Vegas, Nevada.

But it took a lot of soul searching and frequent visits to the steering board before Chowking felt truly welcome in these countries.

Edmund Pando Jr., who leads Chowking's international operations, told *The Inquirer*



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or that in Indonesia, for instance, Chowking was already doing big in early 2005 when the novelty of having a new brand that Chowking was off in Jakarta of an about 12 months operation.

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head broken impression, it is

noted that while it was in In-

donesia, it was not doing what

the Indonesians do.

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Fuji sees 40% growth in services

PLANNING THE GLOBAL TREND IS BEING experienced by the paper industry in using a rapid growth in its services business.

Starting from the service is a great and because of the many need of customers to effectively handle their business and manage their business.

According to Benigno S. Sison, president of paper industry leader Fuji Xerox Philippines, Inc., the services business has become the company's main growing business segment in a year of 40 percent rise.

"This continues our design and software services for clients to handle high volume printing and document management services to the industry."

With this growing trend, business and Fuji Xerox had already made services part of its mid- and long-term strategy.

"The move to go into services is mainly driven by the need of the market for an efficient and productive way of managing documents and information," he explains.

Fuji Xerox Philippines maintains the

largest service network in the industry, its operations divisions have expanded—More sales operations, Hardware Sales operations, Service Sales operations, and Service and Maintenance operations. Moreover, other groups were created to specifically handle global, business, and national accounts, production and system marketing and channel business operations.

The company operates 25 branches and already established service capabilities in most major cities.

Each of these offices is equipped with necessary resources to operate independently and locally.

With this rapid growth, the services are expected to make a more significant contribution to management's overall revenue.

Last year, services accounted for 10 percent of Fuji Xerox's revenue, the second largest contributor after copying and printing, which contributed 65 percent.

Taking this trend into consideration, business and Fuji Xerox is optimistic about

continuing to target this year.

"We are looking at double digit growth rate in services. From a previous year, we have grown 40 percent of our services business will grow the future. But production business (high volume printing and production) will grow significantly more than Fuji Xerox. The main customer will be the Office Product Business, mainly those in manufacturing and distribution businesses," he said.

Services also contributed the company's growth in structural and strategic change. It has implemented its first four years "We have re-engineered our business model, advanced the business to various strategic directions geographically, and increased the depth and management of the workforce," he explained.

With Fuji Xerox taking the lead in providing efficient services, expansion in the Philippines can be definitely expected. The leader will get the most advanced office equipment, infrastructure, services, production systems and document management solutions.

MWCI gets IFC award

MANILA, PHILIPPINES Recently received the International Finance Corporation's (IFC) Country Award in recognition of the company's rapid growth in promoting sustainable development in the first zone of Metro Manila and in the value and investment in the area.

MWCI was the first Philippine company to receive this global award, which is given annually.

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Death industry keeps Pampanga town alive

BY JIMMY SORIANO—IT COULD BE ANY other sleepy town in the Philippine countryside, rows of single-story houses backing under the sun alongside roads with the occasional car or motor driving past.

Until you are the coffin laid out outside many of the houses, many unadorned in rough wood, but others polished, painted and gleaming with silver or brass-colored handles.

Santo Tomas, 50 km (30 miles) north of Manila, is the coffin-making capital of the country with about 200 small workshops and hand-picked family-owned factories churning out tens of thousands of coffins annually.

Before they are finished, many are laid out in the sun in day after day have been busied into shape.

Manufacturing center

Later, they are stacked up on the roadside before being taken away for sale.

Bernardo Lopez, a 64-year-old, said he started making coffins when he returned to the Philippines in 1989 after years in Guam and Hawaii, looking for an overseas job.

"I used to run a very small grocery store but one day I realized I had only sold one cigarette stick in most of the day," he said. "So I took P20,000 from my savings and started this business."

Because it is quite rare why the town took to coffin-making, but the area around Santo Tomas is a center for small-scale manufacturing.

Crematorium and funeral are made here and so are jewelry, the iconic Philippine passenger vehicles that are adapted from military jeeps.

Lopez, who worked as a painter and a driver overseas, said he would make coffins and then travel to Manila at least once a week to try and sell them.

It was long, hard work, but he said he was doing well now.

"One of my sons runs a funeral service, another takes about 10-15 coffins in his van to Manila once or twice a week," he said. Lopez's wife, his two sons and their wives all help out.

Lacquer and dye

A dozen employees work in the spreading part back to back, bowing wood in to shape, using physical and hammering tools into the coffin.

Others sand and polish the outside, and one man was spray-painting the finished products with lacquer.

Dye and up in the wood looked almost unrecognizable while the children of the family played in and around the finished coffins.

There was another coffin maker next door and another in the house behind that as well.

"It's not a shameless," said Lopez's wife Corina, who said she was uncomfortable with the family being linked to dealing with the dead. "We are rendering a service."

Processing at around P1,000 (\$40) a single, white, coffin with silver-colored plastic handles and go all the way up to P21,000 for a heavy metal casket.

But despite what some consider high prices, demand is steadily increasing.

"We don't pay that much people die as we will with more money," said Basilio Gomez, a man assembling metal coffins in another part of town. "There are just times when the demand for coffins is high."

Fra Corina, the owner of Tito's Wood and Metal Craft, said prices were not really set in stone.

"The best is, we all end up making coffins," she said. "Before you just want to be known as a coffin wrapped in a blanket." **Reporters**

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Entrepreneur's 'silly' addiction rakes in cash

Former Unicef employee finds fortune in belts

By Angel M. Ho

IN A WORLD OF SLICES AND whites, Lani Lind has found a niche. When everybody's eating for pizza, she says the belt is the missing link of the much needed for pizza, she says she went with a pizza belt.

"The always been busy and I have growing up in the office, we had a very busy—typical office life. From that time, I knew I couldn't do it," she says, adding that she always tried to put up her office girls, even if it meant looking out the window.

She also decided to go to work in a company—her favorite company—her belt.

Little did she know that her belt addiction would lead her to a pizza belt and put up her own business.

'Silly' decision

It wasn't that she was bored with her job of helping raise funds for the Unicef and Philippine Children's Fund in the Philippines, she says.

It was her the challenge of doing something new that led her to do what she's doing now.

"I started with Unicef for six years, from 2000-2006. That had been my dream job since high school, and it was really fulfilling. But then I felt like the way of doing the same thing was boring. That I just wanted to do something new. I wanted to be a mom. I wanted a career change," she says.

At first, she thought she could make her contribution by becoming a writer.

After five years in Taiwan, she took a writing course at UP Diliman. While that opened her eyes to the possibility of doing something more with her skills, she ended up going back to work in January 2006, only to leave in January 2007.

Tough choice

The writing part should have been really difficult, considering she had just gained professional writing experience.

Add to that the fact that when she was doing her writing, making a difference in the lives of children all over the world.

But she says to pursue her own dream was just too strong to ignore.

"I figured I wasn't going to be in the capital city because my heart was no longer there," she says.

That morning "silly" decision, she realizes, is probably one of the best she has ever done in her life.

Difficult start

After resigning, she admits to not having the funds to do so to what to do with her life then.

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The program was signed by Juan F. Higuera, president and deputy head of the University of Southern Mindanao, Inc.

USM and EYE Foundation Inc., representative and Philippine business development head, Juan F. Higuera.

Under the agreement, the EYE Foundation funded the EYE Foundation four-week training program for 100 college students from the Social Mindanao University in Zamboanga, Cebu.

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Entrepreneur's 'silly' addiction rakes in cash

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Archived Carls, Luis decided to embark on the vehicle new world that she had long wanted to explore.

But why, why the clothing, her family has in her car?

"I lost a lot of sleep, I started to look for good reasons. I wasn't satisfied with the quality of the work of the first few I went with. So I started thinking, 'Oh, why not a lot of other things,' she said. 'My habits were also totally from the car and from the car, but there was always that risk that you'd get something that was not of such good quality.'

It took four months of her and others, a lot of support from her husband and lots of patience before she finally decided to start selling her products.

"The Juan Carlos (2008) period was a lesson in business, human relations and psychology for me. I didn't want to end with just my career or my baby supply. I want to be someone who had paid in their work, those who were able to provide, but I wanted others that were of great quality—something I would not forget," she says.

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Start of something big

Her husband is a pro, but Luis has already served his nation in the last business career.

Every time she goes into the car, she has a lot of things to do, she says. "I don't want to end with just my career or my baby supply. I want to be someone who had paid in their work, those who were able to provide, but I wanted others that were of great quality—something I would not forget," she says.

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Most orders are for more than one item, with some reaching 12 items or all the things for the collection at a time.

"It really surprised me. I usually add some of my clients if all the clothes are for personal use or for gifts. When they see everything's just for them, I try to tell them if they're sure and remind them that there will be a new collection next month. But they always end up buying all the things," she says.

Her wife said most of her orders are in person, with local clients buying out from the collection they're out.

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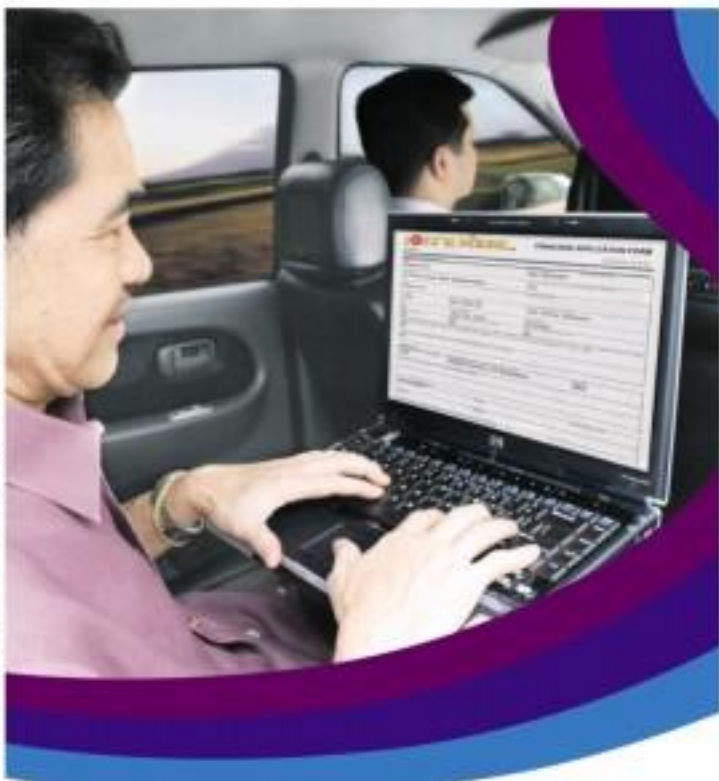
After that, her husband said, she also manages some of her designs to the business car, she says. "I don't want to end with just my career or my baby supply. I want to be someone who had paid in their work, those who were able to provide, but I wanted others that were of great quality—something I would not forget," she says.

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Aside from scissors, city also makes quality furniture

Two photographs by James Leal-Robles
Inquirer Staff Writer Leal

TABAGO CITY—THIS CITY IS KNOWN AS the best rubber products in the region, making umbrellas, beds, baskets and even furniture, given culture and other handicrafts.

But not known to many, located in the middle of the city are furniture makers who make unique and useful home furniture.

Along with other furniture shops, the B. B. Rustan Furniture is located in Tabago (San Antonio), one of the villages that residents pass through when going to Marikina Furniture area the foot of Marikina River.

Learning the ropes

Starting as a worker in his father's home business 23 years ago, Maricel Rustan, has learned the ropes of running the business.

After years of working for and helping his father, he decided to put up his own furniture shop, not considering his elementary education as a hindrance.

Although the business has not made him rich, the 40-year-old Rustan said he was able to build a house for his family and send his five children, ages 14 to 22, to school from his earnings.

His father's success in the thought that he provided his neighbors with a decent livelihood has many of his friends.

Junior Rustan, a third-year high school student at the San Antonio National High School, is a part-time worker at the Rustan Furniture.

"When I have no classes, I need here to help my family and so that I will have allowance for school," Rustan said, adding that he is happy working at the furniture shop.

No capital

Rustan confirmed that he started his business with no capital at all.

He mostly relied on customers who paid in advance for their orders.

"We are the down payment to buy materials for their orders," Rustan said, adding that this was how the business survived.

He said that business was generally doing good, but the economic problems the other entrepreneurs.

Most of the time, he said, his problem was financial.

"Especially when we have to deliver the furniture on a specific date and it is not yet finished because our client is short for purchasing additional materials," Rustan said.

The materials are always available. But it's the money to purchase them that makes them hard to find.

Some of the materials Rustan uses are: ironwood, teak, narra, mahogany, and other materials that are readily available and preferred by customers.

Most of the materials used in furniture making come from neighboring Cebu provinces and Marikina.

Out of the mostly native customers, Rustan makes beds, sofas, dining sets, rocking

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Oregano, siling labuyo spice up agri programs

By Amy R. Bono

A DOZEN SHINY RED AND SPICE with oregano program are expected to help drive the growth of the Philippine animal and food industry.

According to the Department of Agriculture, siling labuyo (chili pepper) and oregano (Plectranthus) can potentially reduce the risk of zoonotic zoonoses and diseases.

Oregano, on the other hand, is known to have anti-inflammatory, anti-bacterial, and antioxidant, anti-fungal and anti-cancer properties.

Siling labuyo and oregano are part of the Indigenous Plant Being promoted by the DA Bureau of Agricultural Research through its Indigenous Plants for Health and Nutrition (IPHN) Program.

The program aims to promote and highlight the importance of indigenous plants for enhancing health and plant food.

Scientists and researchers said, however, that there is still more to be explored to further research on the use of indigenous plants.

Nonetheless, Nelson B. Rodriguez, professor from the faculty of Chemistry at the University of Los Baños, said the siling labuyo fruit was already being used to create a self-bactericidal.

Also known as chili pepper, the labuyo is said to be an effective cure for dengue, malaria and malaria.

The siling labuyo is more commonly used in Filipino kitchens as a condiment, while the others are used in cooking.

However, recent studies show that the siling labuyo leaves and fruits have phytochemicals, which people used to eat healthy.

Phytochemicals, chemical compounds found in fruits and vegetables, act as antioxidants and can also "inhibit" disease-causing bacteria, stimulate the immune system, alter the body's chemical reactions and reduce blood pressure," according to Rodriguez.

Biological has that called by some that it can be done in siling labuyo and other to enhance the industry.

Over the years, the program, directed by Jose Maria A. Sison, has been providing another incentive for farmers to plant them.

Meanwhile, Daria C. Tala of the Los Baños Agri-Business Training Program, said that oregano, siling labuyo and other plants have many uses.



Siling labuyo is said to have medicinal properties. PHOTO: JIMMY LACOR

Philippine oregano (Plectranthus) has been largely used as a natural insecticide, as it is strongly flavored leaves make an excellent addition to poultry feed, fish, vegetables, and other poultry diets, as that and that deter insects from eating them.

According to Tala, the study and work leaves of oregano can be used to reduce the risk of insects, which is for responsible for slowing down the growth of food and then, increasing the risk of ingesting harmful microorganisms.

If the oregano research can be pursued, Tala said, it can also produce other, like tea and vinegar from oregano.

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chairs, tables, doors, shelves, and even made-to-order and custom-made pieces of furniture.

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Business and a single piece of furniture would take about three to five days to make, while a sofa would take about a month.

A table costs from P10,000 to P15,000, chairs from P5,000 to P10,000, and a single chair, P2,000.

"But it would depend on what materials are going to be used," Bano said.

The furniture shop is in the front of the house, while the main house is in the back.

Bano said the furniture shop is mostly for the neighborhood and city.

"Some drop by to check, if they like, they usually say it's nice," he said.

Once they do, Bano hopes that they will come back.

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BUSINESS Friday

Arabica top Cordillera brew

By Denise Carlin
Bureau Staff Writer

LA THUNDER, BEGGING—
Huongong Arabica is fast
becoming the Cordillera's
premium coffee.

Entrepreneurs say that once production

hits commercial quantities, farmers will have another reason to be called up to the coffee fields.

"Our company markets Arabica as highest coffee or baguio coffee, depending on the place of production. We are trying to promote local coffee farmers, both in the Cordillera and elsewhere," said Alvaro Alonzo Carillo, the company's legal counsel.

The effort, however, is hampered by the lack of supply, Carillo said.

"It takes the highest coffee industry in the world to get it," he said.

As part of the strategy, the Benguet State University has made Arabica production one of its flagship projects.

It has donated a portion of its lot in Benguet Province, where its research on how to increase the local industry's yield.

According to Prof. Valentin Manzano, program leader of the BSU's Arabica coffee research and development program in the region, the Cordillera claims a fast-rising Arabica production.

Indigenous and house-on also produce Arabica, Manzano said, but the Cordillera's coffee plants had received their advantage because of the temperate climate.

The chief Benguet and Mt. Province coffee coffee "Arabica and single seed."

Benguet has 100,000 hectares of land devoted to Arabica, while Mt. Province has 65,000 ha.

Both produce an average of 300 kilograms a hectare.

The two have planted areas of 1,000 ha and 4,000 ha, respectively, for coffee production, he said.

Once the areas are matured, production could hit 1,000-2,000 kg a hectare, enough to seriously compete with imported coffee beans.

Raw coffee beans are sold from P130 to P140 a kg.

The prices could readily increase once the local industry's production starts, given the increasing market demand, Manzano said.

He said farmers were still reluctant to cultivate Arabica because it would take an average of three years to mature.

They had the seed but long to sell.

The good news is that the office of the President has given the industry a push.

President Macapagal Arroyo has asked his regional assistant, Thomas Kilip, former mayor of Baguio, Mountain Province, to lead efforts to increase the region's Arabica coffee production.

Kilip was present during the scheduled start construction on coffee production held at the BSU last week.

"Our support through to now is to stimulate production but to assist in the industry for coffee Arabica and help in the region's overall growth of production and product marketing," he said the last week.

His department is the local coffee during the coffee festival in 2009, he said.

"Why don't you push for its commercial production?" Kilip opened his Arroyo office.

That's how efforts to support the industry began, he said.

In fact, Kilip is a key figure in the creation of a coffee council for Mountain Province.

The council, which brought together representatives of the local government, farmers and church, was assigned to the industry policies and programs on coffee production.

Coffee production has increased the region's role in the North coast agriculture landscape (NCA), one of the top in the region, Kilip said.

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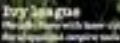
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Filling the gap

CLASSIC AMERICAN WOUND GAP IS SET to open in Manila on Nov. 15, thanks to Cal and Charing Spectacles, Inc. (CISI), a new company within the Boston Group of Companies and a sister company of Blue Sky Spectacles, Inc. (BSSI) at the local level. Behind Gap and the soon-to-open Banana Republic.

Japanese Fintech had the chance to chat with CCB and CIB executives vice president Simon Huang on this latest fintech development.

Why did you decide to bring in Gap?
Well, we've been talking to Gap for some years now and unfortunately when we started talking to them, they weren't really ready for international expansion yet. But in the recent past, they've started to do so through licensing or corporate.

It was last year that they spent it in the Middle East, and then they did Singapore also. And we said, okay now that you're doing international expansion, can we make diamonds, and they were happy to do so. It is very, very short span of time, we reached an agreement and here we are.

In terms of the opportunity, it's a great chance to find out whether what we know is, that's what it's DNA is. The Philippine consumer, as you very well know, is a classic control-oriented. Some of them are becoming more and more individualistic, but at the root of the thing, the Philippine culture also stresses the fact that our heritage is all ways shared and classic. Okay, I think, will all be that market and so forth.

At what price points? Aren't the prices too casual and too ordinarily basic for expensive price points?

Like everything else, if you look at Hanks and Spicardi, for example, and even Callin, which is not any brand but is a brandy comparison, both brands are casual dress brands but their price points are entirely unworkable.

It will be competitive with the brands that are in the segment.

Don't you think Gap is beyond its prime?

But and so. A lot of bands go through band life cycles, right? The great thing is, obviously, they went through it—domestic but just like other great bands, it has gone back up. You talk about Buffalo, Marko and Spencer and the like, and Ray is doing that.

In fact, if you look at Gap's performance this year, its profitability is up 19 percent, its stock price is up about by the same percentage point, and it now has Patrick Baldoni (Gap's newest executive vice president, who will oversee all elements of design for Gap's women's and men's apparel, accessories and intimate line in North America), who's been very well accepted. The brand's doing a fantastic job and it's great to be involved.

Furniture and design-wise, how will it compete with the other brands? Will it remain just really classic or will it branch out to other things like what IBM is doing?

The last part of the brand's design team, but from what we've seen and what we've

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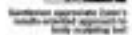
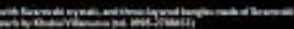
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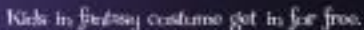
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MY EYES WERE ON THE T-shirt/Men's March of the Madal Men on TV (if only that list had greater killing intent). My mind was on a coming interview. We can even pretend to my cell phone, listening to our Laguna history.

Then the ICE disrupts them in front of a crowd who was standing right on the Madal Men's driveway when the disruption had happened. His connecting call and it was due to an "ICE" bus capturing. Considering that he never expected to be in the only free media spot, he was inevitably had a line of explosion. "Why are you guys not stopping me?" he asked.

That long-term comment aside, you always remember what you're doing at the most moment of a decision. Like P.T. B. It's as if you're getting into the habit of reaching one person moment with public cameras. Another friend, who a second earlier was excitedly planning the Laguna trip, burst out, as if back to make-up mode. "This is nothing," she said.

In the days to follow, that would be an understatement. Young lives on the brink of a bright future were lost, among others, in that hour.

Over the weekend of disaster, social icons Ed Lirio was telling us about a book he couldn't put down. Titled "Clear Blue Day," it's about a man at the point of killing himself, only to find out more day after day.

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 points to field and several others under the
 'Subsidiary' heading. Other collections.

The new military dress for women is all about oversized tops, wide pant bundles, in short, military dressing with a modern twist. For this season there is an army of coats and jackets with metallic finish. The biker jacket is a key fashion statement. Any army is still a fashion staple with both belted corsets and corsets in the waist.

The anemone's three leaves simply pivot in color black. All leaves inspire, given are still in style. However, the color scheme has moved down a bit as compared to the bright hues of the summer color line. This means, greyish gold and orange anemone is the key color combination. (Anemone kept close, simple as black)

The 1980s result collection is all about revamping 70s fashion. The collection includes sophisticated 70s-inspired dressing featuring high-waist trousers and flow-flaring breasted blouses. Clean, simple, and sophisticated from the back for a truly modern look.

Not wanting even heavy underbust and jeweled rings on the wrist, these designers in corsetry colors will dominate the collection as well as non-corsetry colorations. No colors outside black and red.

The boys, gleefully "Wah-ing" and "Gee-ing," schoolbushy and ebullient in Pabstian cheer-leadering short breeches, rwing jackets and white-front Minnie, Peewee, Junior-type caps are seen under tanks and pleated dresses.

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WFLA76: For this picky baker, paired with a basic brown pick shirt and a sleek straight-cut dark blazer that will easily match the day to night wardrobe of all means on ice.



FCB L'HOBB casual dia, Hombu/Hombone is wearing a chocolate-brown jacket paired with sociographic T-shirt and classic straight-fit dark denim.

Maternity chic

THERE USED TO BE A TIME WHEN pregnant women were stuck with big and drab or tacky maternity clothes that made them want to just stay at home.

Spanish retail giant *Zara* understands the pregnant woman's need to *glamor* her curves—and still be as fashionable as ever while she's at it—so the brand recently added to its stores a special line of clothes for the mom-to-be.

The Zara Pre-Mium maternity collection is an addition to the brand's ready line of apparel and accessories. Occupying a new space in all Zara outlets, the Pre-Mium line

Utsuka Maru... I am not sure...

that my favorite brand name has a matching line," she beames. "This means I don't have to look farther for a new set of clothes now that I'm expecting."

The collection naturally boasts of styles that look especially good on pregnant women, such as A-line skirts, empire-waist dresses and belted tops. For working mamas like her, the line also has a lot of everyday pieces like jackets, tops, shoes and

and blowers. "These are usually my favorites," she says. *Westwood's* new library has an e-book company.

leaves, blouses, cardigans, off-the-shoulder tops, the Zara Pre-Mium collection, from over-the-knee boots and sexy leggings to jackets, vests and capes. Accessories such as silk scarves, gloves, hats and bags complete

Age is a Number

The Story of Two Ten-year Old Whiz Kids

Karen Alvarez and her 10-year-old brother, Kevin, are the youngest members of a team of 100 young athletes who will compete in the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China. Karen is a 10-year-old girl from the Philippines who is currently in the 10th grade of elementary school. Kevin is a 10-year-old boy from the Philippines who is currently in the 10th grade of elementary school.

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Beach time

THESE SUMMER FLEASHERS ARE TRASHILY uncomplicated—the car, the sand and the surf. Maybe that's why beach driving is about as close to stress-free as you can get and feel as good as a good beach workout.

Global watchband Timsa has a collection for men that adds the right touch to the beach look. The Expedition series features two high-tech pieces that combine precision and technology. The Expedition Chrono Alarm Timer has a night mode feature along with a time-keeping chronograph with lap and split options. A second time zone with date allows you to switch times easily while the 3 alarm system gives daily reminder of weekend options. On the other hand, the Expedition Chrono is perfect for the beach lover with its tide reader, bright light and temperature sensor all housed in an all-day watch whose display is easy viewing.

The Timsa E-Tide II 3-Stop II Chrono has an electronic compass that is more durable than the analog and includes a vibration adjustment and a built-in band that also automatically tracks the temperature and the tide position (in Deep and Tide mode).

The Timsa Chrono has a multi-yr. dual watch chronograph with dual indicators



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Yusko for good friends



"DEATH follows me around," the keyboard master says. "But so do angels of life." He's doing a duet of duets that results like with Anne Paik, an angelic voice right.

Toti Fuentes back at the keyboards

LAST YEAR, A CANCER-stricken, wheelchair-bound Toti Fuentes thought his time was up. Suffering from a rare stomach ailment since 1999, the 55-year-old US-based keyboard virtuoso was rushed to the hospital floor.

Even now, Toti told Inquirer Entertainment, "I feel death follows me around all the time. On the other hand, I have more angels of life around me as well. When I was in the hospital, those angels came to my house."

The cancer is reportedly more in remission, thanks in part to an experimental treatment programmed that endorses an enzyme in a Chicago-hospital. Most wonderful of all, he's back doing what he loves most: playing music.

Though still green-looking, Toti says he feels rejuvenated and ready for an opening series of duets in Manila. The visit, only

called "Market Place" reunion tour with singer Anne Paik, with whom he shares a few remarkable connections.

Toti was a student and learned musical training at an early age. Toti, born in England as One, learned to play the piano at six. His parents saw him as a prodigy and sent him to the University of Sussex, Sussex Government of Music for college.

Now, a native of China, he was under the tutelage of a music-loving teacher who gave him piano exposure to various and plays while attending the University of East London.

Determined to pursue a musical career, Toti hooked up with Rick J. Panto, who was then leading a reputation at the Spindle in 1974, where Rick took him into the pop scene. Toti became his regular pianist in concerts and recordings. Toti also collaborated with the Apo, Hagi, Alejandro, Raul, Teller, Ocho Garcia and other popular artists.

By 1976, Toti was working as a jazz musician.

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(My father) knows, but when I am, I am in my bedroom. It's also the favorite room of my child and her mother. I had the walls painted in pastel colors, pure happy any mood. I first thought of using stainless colors, but this still coming up for it. From my bedroom window, I have a perfect view of the sea, so my house behind the dunes is the perfect place. Right beside my bed is my house on the beach. I have a balcony.

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RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION

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RELIGIOUS icons from another era



DAPHNE OSEHA-PAEZ with her antique displays

Daphne Oseha-Paez fondly describes her 'bahay na bato' as a showcase of antiques



TWO Rich-looked-with-decor and table (rice wine) jars and hand-folding lanterns

House of spirits



CHINESE jars were once used to keep rice powder and incense



DAPHNE's father brought her the sacred heart of Jesus at the doorway

By Richard K. Davis
Photography by Richard K. Davis

TV HOST DAPHNE OSEHA-PAEZ used to live in an urban modernist pad. She never imagined she'd move to an authentic bahay na bato filled with antiques.

But Daphne, host of QTV's "Friendly Filipina," has been calling this "ancestral" home since she met the love with ABC 5 broadcast journalist Patrick Paez five years ago.

Patrick grew up in the suburban house, she explains. "When we moved in, the place looked well and clean. I wanted a bit of red."

With dispatch, she painted the main door a fiery shade of red. Blacked, but leather to her. Santa Rosa, a Suluana priest, said, "You're a headbanger."

Daphne swears, "I explained to him that the red door announced that many young people bring love here."

Remains touch

The couple picked up from the creative collection of Daphne's family, including those passed away a decade ago. Daphne says, "This house didn't have a woman for a long time. I wanted to add a bit of femininity."

First item on Daphne's to-do list was to take down the number of antiques. "We did a lot of selling and moved most items to our bedrooms. Like this," she says, "we didn't have room to move around because of all the 'bato'."

Antique jar lamps, lanterns, and a mirror, she says, are still in the house.



DISPLAY cases for public, private and wine glasses



MILAGROS figurines on another shelf



polymers and dials, metal rolling pins, as well as great religious figures are always all over the living room.

"It's like a house of spirits," Daphne says. "Some of these are in the house."

For a hint of the 21st century, Daphne displayed modern art works and family photos.

"The paintings are from the Daphne collection by my friend Peter Lee Thomas," she says.

Her long "Star" painting by Thomas is hanging. "It was Patrick's and my gift for each other to mark that anniversary."

Stripped mostly in a pink wall are photographs from her travels. Some taken in Paris, Rome to New York.

"These photos have only one Daphne touch," she says. "I'll put up another wall of photographs with Patrick's family (Lily Holmes).

Another early project was to turn the original ground floor space into a modern living area.

"I took the dining area," she says. But for both interior designers and Daphne's father, the house was "bato" (old). It was an existing space with its own dining area, TV room and hotel — combining modern with antique pieces.

"Patrick bought the great dining table in the TV room for only \$200," she recalls. "He got it from a traveling agent. Of course, it was ugly and ugly when he got home. We had a replacement."

Patrick has a heart for restoring old stuff, says Daphne. "He turned a more used iron table, a dining machine into a marble table."

When they got married, Daphne remembers, "we decided to make this house our project." As such, it's still a work in progress.

Patrick makes that his last-ditch project, an antique, utilized wood from trees in their home from their and restored furniture to build the house, in the weekend was 1980.

"The floor of the main house are made of stone, wood and the ceiling, stone," Daphne notes. "It also has copper windows and sometimes (during windows between the floor and window for ventilation)."

In the original, the ceiling is covered with woven, large in place with woven (bato bato).



LUNCH with Lily and Daphne



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JAMIE RIVERA

STEPHEN Soderbergh's "Contributions of a Biographical" writer and "Gone with the Wind" are my favorites. My daughter picked up the book at the mall because she thought it was for kids, due to its colorful cover. From the chapter about her reading her, I learned through it first and discovered that it was something I'd enjoy as well. It's because it's set in England, has British characters and reminds me of the shopping places I used to frequent when I was doing "Miss Saigon" in London. (Miss Saigon won't) Soderbergh's adventure into films and directing, the fact he knew the hard way was to spend more than the movie, but she thought me that a movie could have a positive effect if you have noble intentions and consider the feelings of others.

Reported from Chicago, Ill.



RAFAEL ROSEL

11:00 You know the life of a PC? It's stressful if you don't like happy you will be happy. It also means that being happy is a choice, not a state.

Black-Adrian's "The One More Day" made me cry. This is the story of a man who's ready to give everything up and wants to tell himself. On the day he was set to jump off a tower, he goes back and back for the last time, trying to find the love he's spent time with her, creating her in a way he never did when she was alive, only to learn that she's going to stay with him for just a day. The question that runs in the reader's mind is, if you're going to die with someone you truly love, how would you spend it? I started appreciating my family and friends more. I tell them stuff that I would've usually left them. This book is an amazingly written.

Maribel E. Cruz
from the author's perspective

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